

JFW



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: 6/2/04 | Name M. VASQUEZ | Signature: M. Vasquez

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Richard M. Chesbrough, et al.)	Confirmation No.: N/A
)	
Serial No.: 10/715,587)	Group Art Unit: N/A
)	
Filing Date: 11/18/2003)	Docket No.: 054630.0043
)	
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	
SUPPORTING A MEDICAL DEVICE)	Customer No.: 21832

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

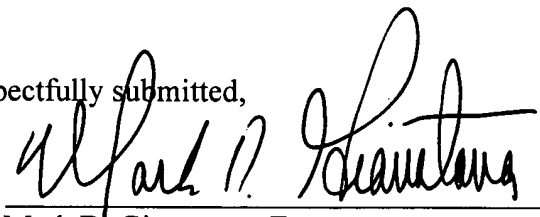
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the materials listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. This Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be filed prior to the mailing date of a First Office Action regarding the above-referenced application. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be required. Pursuant to the waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. Patent and U.S. Patent Application Publication references set forth and cited on form PTO-1449 are not enclosed herewith

It is respectfully requested the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made; an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b); or an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, prior art.

No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fee is required, or otherwise if necessary to cover any deficiency in fees already paid, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1402.

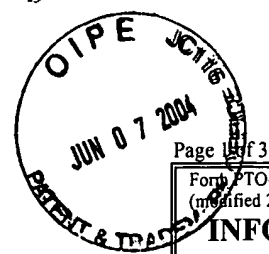
Date: 2 Jun 2004

Respectfully submitted,
By: 
Mark D. Giarratana, Esq.
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 32,615

PTO Correspondence Address:

McCarter & English, LLP
CityPlace I
185 Asylum Street
Hartford, CT 06103
Phone: (860) 275-6719
Fax: (860) 724-3397

HARTFORD: 613323.02



Page 1 of 3

Form PTO-1449 (modified 2/91)		U.S. DEPT. OF COMMERCE Patent and Trademark Office		Attorney Docket Number: 054630.0043	Serial No.: 10/715,587
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary)				Applicant: Richard M. Chesbrough, et al.	
				Filing Date: 11/18/2003	Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
SUPPORTING A MEDICAL DEVICE**

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Item No.	Examiner Initial	Patent Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-class	Filing date if appropriate
1.		2001/0011186 A1	08/02/2001	Kohout	607	114	
2.		2001/0018605 A1	08/30/2001	Helming	607	108	
3.		2001/0053915 A1	12/20/2001	Grossman	606	130	
4.		2002/0004656 A1	01/10/2002	Khan et al.	604	385.06	
5.		2002/0021833 A1	02/21/2002	Ohga	382	162	
6.		2002/0065500 A1	05/30/2002	Rossi	604	385.06	
7.		2003/0045853 A1	03/06/2003	Sauer	604	385.19	
8.		2003/0055436 A1	03/20/2003	Daum et al.	606	130	
9.		2003/0065301 A1	04/03/2003	Elliott et al.	604	385.06	
10.		2003/0109841 A1	06/12/2003	Edwards	604	385.06	
11.		2,008,340	07/16/1935	Salvati et al.	128	215	
12.		2,573,791	11/06/1951	Howells	128	82.1	
13.		2,697,433	12/21/1954	Zehnder	128	83	
14.		3,016,899	01/16/1962	Stenvall	128	348	
15.		3,017,887	01/23/1962	Heyer	128	348	
16.		3,021,842	02/20/1962	Flood	128	215	
17.		3,055,370	09/25/1962	McKinney et al.	128	303	
18.		3,115,140	12/24/1963	Volkman	128	410	
19.		3,175,558	03/30/1965	Caillouette et al.	128	403	
20.		3,196,875	07/27/1965	Pfeiffer	128	303	
21.		3,506,013	04/14/1970	Zdenek	128	402	
22.		3,542,002	11/24/1970	Miles	123	119	
23.		3,809,096	05/07/1974	York	128	403	
24.		3,871,376	03/18/1975	Kozak	128	275.1	
25.		3,920,001	11/18/1975	Edwards	128	2 F	
26.		4,177,797	12/11/1979	Baylis et al.	128	754	
27.		4,228,796	10/21/1980	Gardiner	128	215	
28.		4,397,315	08/09/1983	Patel	128	403	
29.		4,681,103	07/21/1987	Boner et al.	128	303B	
30.		4,733,661	03/29/1988	Palestrant	128	303B	
31.		4,738,678	04/19/1988	Paulis	604	385 R	
32.		4,743,240	05/10/1988	Powell	604	385 R	
33.		4,753,647	06/28/1988	Curtis	604	385 R	
34.		4,790,840	12/13/1988	Cortina	604	385.1	

Form PTO-1449 (modified 2/91)	U.S. DEPT. OF COMMERCE Patent and Trademark Office	Attorney Docket Number: 054630.0043	Serial No.: 10/715,587
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary)		Applicant: Richard M. Chesbrough, et al.	
		Filing Date: 11/18/2003	Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUPPORTING A MEDICAL DEVICE			

Item No.	Examiner Initial	Patent Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-class	Filing date if appropriate
35.		4,798,212	01/17/1989	Arana	128	749	
36.		4,808,175	02/28/1989	Hansen	604	385.1	
37.		4,809,694	03/07/1989	Ferrara	128	303B	
38.		4,841,967	06/27/1989	Chang et al.	128	303B	
39.		4,883,053	11/28/1989	Simon	128	303B	
40.		4,931,052	06/05/1990	Feldman	604	385.1	
41.		4,955,891	09/11/1990	Carol	606	130	
42.		4,985,019	01/15/1991	Michelson	604	180	
43.		5,030,223	07/09/1991	Anderson et al.	606	130	
44.		5,201,742	04/13/1993	Hasson	606	130	
45.		5,241,710	09/07/1993	Lockhart	2	406	
46.		5,263,956	11/23/1993	Nobles	606	130	
47.		5,316,014	05/31/1994	Livingston	128	754	
48.		5,320,628	06/14/1994	Ufkin	606	130	
49.		5,333,619	08/02/1994	Burgio	128	754	
50.		5,354,283	10/11/1994	Bark et al.	604	180	
51.		5,364,361	11/15/1994	Battenfield	604	116	
52.		5,364,367	11/15/1994	Banks et al.	604	174	
53.		5,375,588	12/27/1994	Yoon	128	4	
54.		5,431,622	07/11/1995	Pyrozyk et al.	A61L	15/00	
55.		5,437,640	08/01/1995	Schwab	604	116	
56.		5,540,675	07/30/1996	Hasson	606	1	
57.		5,582,605	12/10/1996	Lepie	604	385.1	
58.		5,658,272	08/19/1997	Hasson	606	1	
59.		5,682,892	11/04/1997	Selder et al.	128	653.2	
60.		5,690,108	11/25/1997	Chakeres	128	653.1	
61.		5,702,375	12/30/1997	Angelillo et al.	604	358	
62.		5,776,143	07/07/1998	Adams	606	130	
63.		5,891,127	04/06/1999	Moder et al.	604	358	
64.		5,911,707	06/15/1999	Wolvek et al.	604	116	
65.		5,916,229	06/29/1999	Evans	606	171	
66.		5,954,670	09/21/1999	Baker	600	567	
67.		5,984,930	11/16/1999	Maciunas et al.	606	130	
68.		6,036,632	03/14/2000	Whitmore, III et al.	600	7	
69.		6,159,221	12/12/2000	Chakeres	606	130	

Form PTO-1449 (modified 2/91)	U.S. DEPT. OF COMMERCE Patent and Trademark Office	Attorney Docket Number: 054630.0043	Serial No.: 10/715,587
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary)		Applicant: Richard M. Chesbrough, et al.	
		Filing Date: 11/18/2003	Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUPPORTING A MEDICAL DEVICE			

Item No.	Examiner Initial	Patent Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-class	Filing date if appropriate
70.		6,195,577 B1	02/27/2001	Truwit et al.	600	411	
71.		6,206,890 B1	03/27/2001	Truwit	606	130	
72.		6,248,125 B1	06/19/2001	Helming	607	108	
73.		6,251,131 B1	06/26/2001	Kohout	607	114	
74.		6,265,631 B1	07/24/2001	Angelillo et al.	604	358	
75.		6,267,769	07/31/2001	Truwit	606	130	
76.		6,267,770 B1	07/31/2001	Truwit	606	130	
77.		6,320,095 B1	11/20/2001	Wall	604	368	
78.		6,328,748 B1	12/11/2001	Hennig	606	130	
79.		6,406,482 B1	06/18/2002	Chakeres	606	130	
80.		6,425,887 B1	07/30/2002	McGuckin et al.	604	272	
81.		6,432,125 B2	08/13/2002	Kohout	607	114	
82.		6,454,748 B1	09/24/2002	Ives	604	385.06	
83.		6,475,204 B1	11/05/2002	Walker	604	385.06	
84.		6,482,194 B1	11/19/2002	Putzer	604	385.19	
85.		6,494,872 B1	12/17/2002	Suzuki et al.	604	385.26	
86.		6,533,794	03/18/2003	Chakeres	606	130	
87.		6,554,801 B1	04/29/2003	Steward et al.	604	164.03	
88.		6,579,262 B1	06/17/2003	Mick et al.	604	116	
89.		6,579,267 B2	06/17/2003	Lynch et al.	604	174	
90.		6,599,262 B1	07/29/2003	Masini	602	2	
91.		6,605,047 B2	08/12/2003	Zarins et al.	600	562	
92.		6,605,095 B2	08/12/2003	Grossman	606	130	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Item No.	Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub-class	Translation

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

--

Examiner:	Date Considered:
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.	